STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2844

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 468

H.D. 1 S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui President of the Senate Twenty-Sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2012 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 468, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to enact standards for the selection of county ethics commissioners to ensure their impartiality and independence.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the League of Women Voters, Common Cause Hawaii, and two individuals. Comments were received from the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee finds that county ethics commissions should be independent and nonpartisan. The members must have the will and the courage to fulfill their duties with impartiality and due diligence. The selection process is critical to ensuring their independence and impartiality.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to upon approval; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 468, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 468, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs,

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The Senate Twenty-Sixth Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs PGM

HB 468, HD1	PGM, JDL			Date: 3-13-12	
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
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KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)					
BAKER, Rosalyn H.					
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